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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Satoshi TANAKA et al. )  
Serial No.: 10/808,299 ) Group Art Unit: 2825  
Filed: March 25, 2004 ) Examiner: MEMULA, Suresh  
For: SET OF MASKS, METHOD OF ) Confirmation No.: 7279  
GENERATING MASK DATA AND )  
METHOD FOR FORMING A )  
PATTERN )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

In an election of species requirement mailed June 19, 2006, the period for response to which extends through July 19, 2006, the Examiner required election of species under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I, claims 1-7, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to a method of generating mask data; Group II, claims 8-19, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to a method for forming a pattern; and Group III, claim 20, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to a set of masks. In response, Applicants elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-7, without traverse.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge  
any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: July 19, 2006

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